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Dr. Albert D. Wheelon
Deputy Director for Science and Technology
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Washington, D. C.

Dear Bud:

I continue to be gravely concerned over the apparent inability of the intelligence community to resolve the dichotomy of opinion on the subject of Soviet SAM/ABM sites. I can't overemphasize the importance of determining the capabilities and intent of the various deployments we see taking place in the Soviet Union. Our entire strategic posture and the actions we should take to protect and enhance it, are extremely sensitive to information in this area.

I have energized and continue to push DIA to exert their very best efforts on this problem. Specifically, the DIA Scientific Advisory Committee is conducting an intensive study of the SAM/ABM question, with an interim report of their activities expected to be available about mid June 1966. DIA personnel, in addition to the Advisory Committee, are carrying on an analysis due for completion in early June. In the period June 6-10, an all-source, all personnel meeting will be held in Huntsville, Alabama, to integrate all of the facts and opinion. I expect to be briefed on the results of these efforts about June 22, 1966.

I urge you to apply the considerable talents of your people to this problem. It is imperative that we resolve this issue at the technical level as soon as possible. I shall be most happy to meet with you on this subject and would welcome a briefing by you and DIA on the results of your separate and joint activities.

Sincerely,

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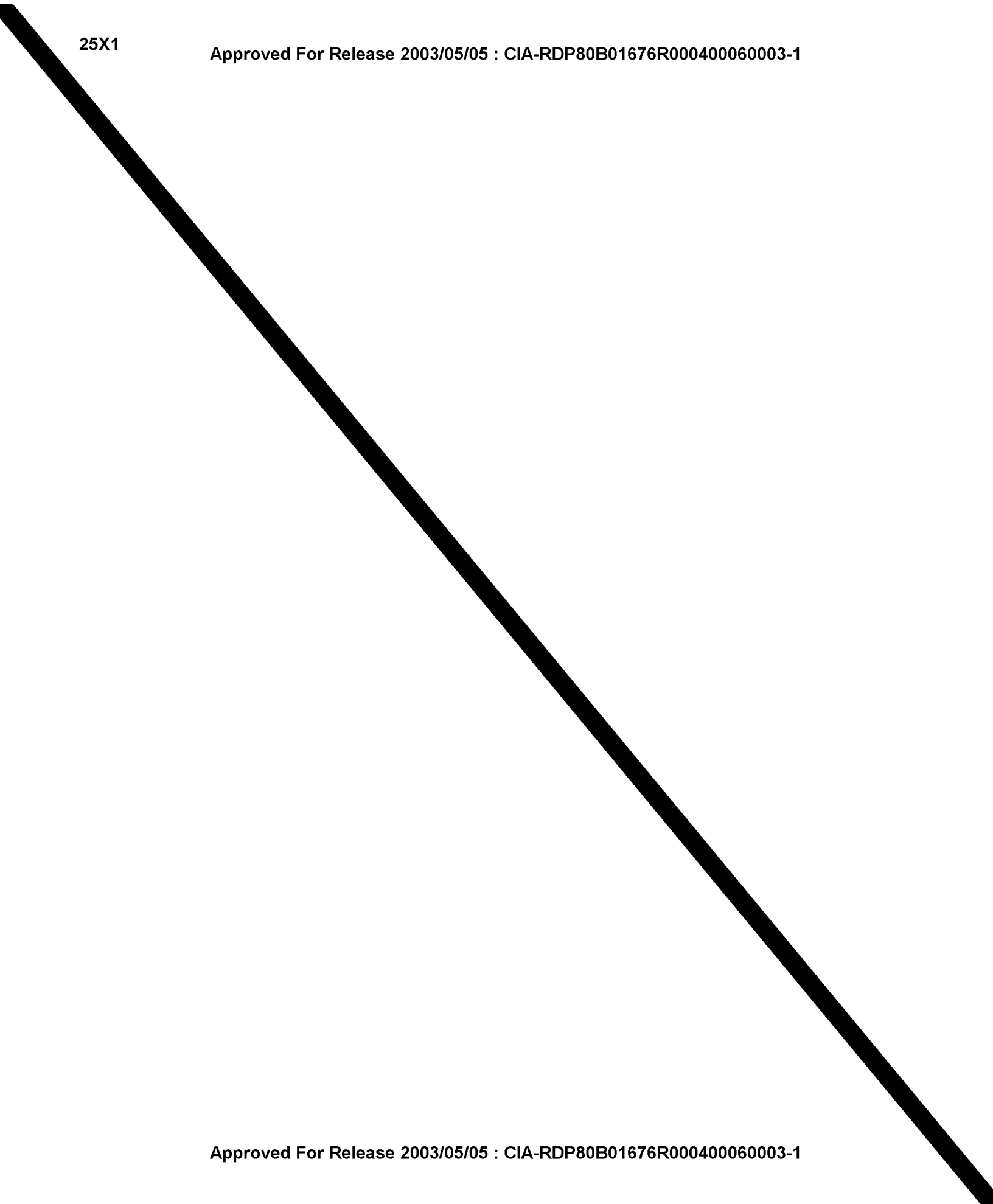

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